



Memorandum

To: Members of the Senate Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes Committee

From: Kelly Dancsok, Communications and Grassroots Coordinator
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Re: Support of House Bill 4746

On behalf of our statewide members, we welcome and encourage your support of House bill 4746 that amends the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act to prohibit a zoning ordinance from preventing the extraction, by mining, of valuable natural resources from any property unless very serious consequences would result from the extraction. This legislation would greatly improve the competitive nature of the aggregate business in our state and would also prevent unnecessary legislation from closing mining and quarry operations.

Passage of this legislation would not only allow mining and quarry operations to remain in business, but would also help employ Michigan citizens. This legislation would best serve the overall interest of the State during these tough economic times.

Again, I would like to state our position in support of House Bill 4746. If there is anything further we can do to encourage your support of this legislation, please feel free to contact us at (517) 853-2545. Thank you.